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Since about the beginning of August 1953, Soviet army officers have had permission to enter into closer contact with the German civilian population. They may now enter German restaurants in company with German civilians, may invite them into their houses and visit them in theirs. Soviet army officers have taken advantage of this relaxation, and two majors recently took two German employees to the theater. Other officers are known to have accepted hospitality at the houses of employees. Soviet army officers of the rank of colonel and above may have their wives with them in East Germany. A recent new ruling is that officers of lower rank may bring their wives, at state cost, to East Germany for a one-month stay. They may also, at their own expense, have them back for a second month.

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